

# Encountering Jesus



**Waterloo North Mennonite Church**  
**Sunday, May 24, 2020**  
***Encountering Jesus: Praying / Asking***

COMING / ARRIVING

**Signing in / Passing the Peace**

**Call to Worship (HWB #662)**

Leader: Come, let us worship,

**People: for we are the people of God's pasture.**

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down,

**People: for we are the sheep of God's hand.**

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down before the Lord, our Maker.

**All: For the Lord is our God, and God desires our worship.**

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Invocation/Opening Prayer

**Hymn of Praise: HWB (blue) #44 When in our music God is glorified (vs.1,2,3,5)**

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SETTLING IN / STAYING

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35** (an adaptation based on *The Message*)

Leader: Raise your voices, O people: Up with God! Away with God's enemies!

**All: When the righteous see God in action they'll laugh, they'll sing,  
they'll dance; they will laugh and sing for joy!**

Leader: Sing hymns to God; all heaven, sing out; clear the way for God's coming.

**All: Enjoy God; cheer when you see signs of God's presence!**

Leader: God makes homes for the homeless, leads prisoners to freedom.

**All: God, when you took the lead with your people, the earth shook,  
the sky poured down rain.**

Leader: Even Mount Sinai trembled at the sight of God on the move!

**All: You pour out rain in buckets, O God; thorn and cactus become an  
oasis for your people to camp in and enjoy.**

Leader: You set them up in business; your people went from rags to riches.

**All: Sing, O kings and leaders of the earth! Sing praises to the Lord!**

Leader: And listen – God is calling in thunder; rumbling, rolling thunder.

**All: Call out “Bravo!” to God. God’s splendor and strength rise huge as thunderheads.**

Leader: A terrible beauty, O God, streams from your sanctuary.

**All: It is our strong God, the One who gives power and might to all people. O you, God’s people – bless God today!**

Children’s Time

## HEARING

Scripture Reading: John 17:1-11

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Homily

**Hymn of Response: HWB (blue) # 648 Morning has broken**

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“Tuning In” Reflection

**Hymn: HWB (blue) #407 We are people of God’s peace**

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## GOING

Congregational Prayer

Spoken Benediction (based on 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 *The Message*)

Friends, when life gets really difficult, don’t jump to the conclusion that God isn’t on the job. Be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced.

The Spirit of God and the Spirit’s glory in you brought you to the notice of others. So be content with who you are, for God’s strong hand is on you.

Keep a cool head. Stay alert. Keep your guard up.

You’re not the only ones plunged into these hard times. It’s the same with Christians all over the world. So keep a firm grip on the faith.

It won’t be long before our generous God who has great plans for us will have us back on our feet for good. God gets the last word; yes, God does!

AMEN.

Sung Benediction - *As you go out from here*

Performed by *The Beechnuts*.

Permission to stream granted by Bryan Moyer Suderman and *The Beechnuts*.

As you go out from here, may the Lord go with you.  
The face of God shine on you every day.  
We are sent by God wherever we are living,  
salt and light as people of the Way.

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*With gratitude and respect, we recognize that we are worshipping on the traditional land that once belonged to the Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabe peoples. We regret the lack of respect given to the Indigenous people in the past, and pledge to work for justice and reconciliation.*

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Leading Our Worship

Pianist  
Leading Worship  
Song Leader/Soloist  
Children's Time  
Homilist  
"Tuning In" Reflection  
Congregational Prayer  
Sound and Video  
Technical Support

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# John 17:1-11 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

## Jesus Prays for His Disciples

**17** After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people,<sup>[a]</sup> to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.